Retirement of Ministerial Officers.

157. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the age-limit for retirement of ministerial officers was raised from 55 to 60 years;

(*b*) the number of ministerial officers who were retired before they attained sixty years of age after this rule came into force;

(*c*) when Mr. Culas, Manager of the Durbar Physician's office, was retired; and

(*d*) his age at the time of his retirement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The age for the retirement of the ministerial officers of the State has not been raised from 55 to 60.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) Mr. Culas was retired with effect from the 30th Chingam 1100.

(*d*) He had completed his 56th year of age on the date of retirement.

Undergraduate Men Teachers in Girls' Schools.

158. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of undergraduate men teachers, trained and untrained, employed in the departmental Girls' schools;

(2) whether it is a fact that the natural claims of these teachers for promotions, especially those employed in the Vernacular section, are being completely overlooked by the Inspectress of Girls' schools and that they are thus placed in a very disadvantageous position when compared to their *confreres* in the Boys' schools for the simple reason that they are placed in Girls' schools;

(3) whether they are aware that there is a sufficient number of women undergraduate applicants to replace these men teachers and that the Inspectress of Girls' schools is not able to provide them for want of vacancies;

(4) whether they will issue definite instructions to the authorities concerned not to make any permanent appointment in the English schools for boys before all these undergraduate men teachers are provided for; and

(5) whether they will appoint them in such acting vacancies as are long enough or are likely to become permanent in case there are no permanent vacancies in which they may be absorbed at present in the English schools for boys?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Trained teachers—8; untrained teachers—7.

Of the 8 trained teachers, 3 are Manual Training Assistants, and of the remaining 5, 2 are now acting in English schools for boys.

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(2) The policy of the department is gradually to eliminate men teachers from Girls' schools and to staff the Girls' school branch entirely by women teachers. In carrying out this policy, the claims of men teachers who are now in Girls' schools are being considered when opportunities arise in the Boys' schools branch.

(3) Yes, except that women applicants who have undergone Manual Training are not available in sufficient numbers to replace the men teachers of that subject.

(4) and (5) It is reported that there are at present 11 supernumerary undergraduate teachers in English schools for boys and that until they are absorbed, it will not be possible to draft any more undergraduate men teachers from Girls' schools to English schools for boys.

Procedure in the Execution of Decrees and Drawing of Deposit Amounts.

159. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to rule that applicants before any court for execution of decrees and drawing of deposit amounts may not be required to produce attested copies of decrees and other documents in connection with the case, if the originals or their attested copies are available for reference in the same court, so as to avoid delay and malpractices by subordinates in this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The High Court are of opinion that it is neither necessary nor expedient to alter the present rules and the practice of the courts as suggested by the member. The Government agree in the views of the High Court.

Road from Talayolaparampu to Piravam.

160. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to open a new road from Talayolaparampu to Piravam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This will be considered.

Sub-Registrar's Office at Kadutturutti.

161. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Registration has made any recommendation to transfer the Sub-Registrar's office at Kadutturutti to any other place;

(*b*) if so, the reasons alleged by the Director; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the people of Kadutturutti and the surrounding *pakuthies* are against the transfer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) There is at present no intention of transferring the Sub-Registrar's office at Kadutturutti.

Statement, by castes, of Tahsildars.

162. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of the Tahsildars of the State?

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